

**CLINTON COUNTY BOARD**  
**March 15, 2004**

The March meeting of the Clinton County District Board was called to order by Sheriff Mike Kreke on Monday, March 15, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll call:** Present: Beckmann, Fix, Foppe, Guthrie, Hitpas, Holtgrave, Kloeckner, Lampe, Mensing, Murray, Pingsterhaus, Robbins, Sullivan, Craig Taylor and Jack Taylor.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. All visitors and guests were asked to introduce themselves.

**MOTION** by Lampe second by Mensing to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2004 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Lampe second by Mensing to approve the minutes of the special meeting held February 23, 2004. **MOTION CARRIED.**

First reading of appointments: Ron Rolfingsmeyer - Carlyle Fire Protection District; Larry Hanke and John White - Clinton County East Public Water District; and Steve Tonnies - Clin-Clair Fire Protection District.

**MOTION** by Lampe second by Beckmann to approve the appointment of Arnold Huegen as Trustee of the Albers Sanitary District for a three year term. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Wade Township sent a letter notifying the Board of the appointment of Virgil Holthaus as Trustee of the Wade Township Fire Protection District for a three year term.

**MOTION** by Robbins second by Holtgrave to approve the annual report of the Coroner's Office. **MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Robbins second by Hitpas to approve the annual report of the Probation Office. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Foppe second by Robbins to allow the Carlyle Street Fair use of the court house lawn and parking lot on September 10 & 11<sup>th</sup>. The County should be named on the certificate of insurance and the grounds will need to be returned to the same condition they were in before the fair. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Jack Taylor second by Hitpas to approve the monthly report of the Clinton County Health Department. This monthly report is a state law requirement. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chairman Kloeckner reported the county received an answer on the law suit involving Ruth Collard. States Attorney Brandmeyer reported the county is not held in contempt of court for not following the order. There was no requirement in the order to place her back in a

union position with the county. The County had requested the order be set aside in its entirety, but the court did not order that to be so. Now the county can go ahead with the malpractice suit. The cost of the malpractice suit will be on a contingency basis. The attorney would receive 40% of anything the county would receive. **MOTION** by Hitpas second by Sullivan to move forward with the malpractice suit with Ripplinger & Associates at no cost to the county. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Craig Taylor second by Sullivan to approve a resolution from the Public Building Commission allowing the county to hire an engineer for the jail expansion and to hold the PBC harmless for any construction costs, claims, etc., involved with the expansion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The following committees had no report: Lake Task Force, Safety, Education, Solid Waste, 911, Agriculture, Environmental Concerns, Liquor, and General Services.

**IL COUNTY INSURANCE TRUST-** The ICIT audit for last year has been received. The next meeting will be Wednesday @ 10:00 a.m.

**INSURANCE COMMITTEE** - The Committee held an emergency meeting on March 10, 2004, to sign off on the contractual rates with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Hitpas reported that employees have been paying 100% of the prescription drug costs because they are not in the Blue Cross/Blue Shield system yet. He asked if the county would be willing to reimburse the employees for that cost until they would receive payment from the company. Dan Imming reported that by tomorrow the entire alphabet should be on-line. The employees could go back to the pharmacy to see if they could get reimbursed for their costs. For those who have already paid, the only option is to file a claim form for reimbursement from Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The County has to maintain the level of benefits that the employees have had. After the special meeting the county had, the rates came in a little less than initially quoted.

**MOTION** by Hitpas second by Robbins to approve a bill from Spectrum Group for administration of the three month claim run out in the amount of \$4,725.00. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Hitpas reported an employee is wanting clarification on the increased cost of the dental insurance per month. The family cost of coverage is not under the union contract. The county is obligated to pay the employees cost, not the dependent coverage.

Ron C. Foppe asked about the life insurance portion of the coverage. Blue Cross/Blue Shield wants clarification on coverage for persons over age 65. The current life insurance contract we have reduces death benefits at 65. Hitpas said we need to match up what we currently have and will check if there would be an additional cost to maintain the 100% level.

**MOTION** by Hitpas second by Holtgrave to reimburse the county employees for the difference in their cost of prescription drug co-pays. **MOTION CARRIED.** The employees

will need to submit their receipts for payment to the County Clerk's Office. Payments will be made once a month after approval from the County Board.

**UNINCORPORATED AREA IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE** - Monthly meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. beginning this month

**708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD** - The committee's first meeting of this year will be held on April 27, 2004.

Southwestern IL Area Agency on Aging - Public hearings regarding the three year plan will be held March 18, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. at Shiloh and March 23, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. at Chester.

**GIS COMMITTEE** – Finalized contract with Image-America. A meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

**RC&D COUNCIL** - A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night in Mascoutah.

**TOURISM COMMITTEE** - A letter was received from Jo Kaufman requesting the county continue to recognize the Southwestern Illinois Tourism Bureau as the county's representative for tourism.

**MOTION** by Craig Taylor second by Jack Taylor to approve the Teamsters Union Local #50 contract with the Jail employees with a \$.65 an hour increase retroactive to December 1, 2003. It is a one year contract. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Jack Taylor second by Mensing to have Chairman Kloeckner set up a meeting with the Clinton County Farm Bureau. Chairman Kloeckner will notify the board members of the time and location. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**ZONING/SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE - MOTION** Craig Taylor second by Mensing to waive the first reading of Frank Santel's Subdivision. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Mensing second by Pingsterhaus to approve the subdivision plat of Frank Santel's Subdivision. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The county has been included in a law suit with the City of Centralia concerning an adult entertainment location in Centralia. States Attorney Brandmeyer passed around two sample ordinances the board can consider action on regarding nudity and unlawful entertainment. The county can regulate these types of business. **MOTION** by Jack Taylor second by Holtgrave to put this on the agenda for the meeting with Farm Bureau. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT/ESDA/WELFARE COMMITTEE** - The opening of bids on the jail expansion will be March 24, 2004, at 1:00 p.m.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** - The next meeting is scheduled for March 22 at 7:00 p.m.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE** - A meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.

**ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE - MOTION** by Murray second by Jack Taylor to approve a resolution awarding the bid for the county's metal culverts to Energy Culvert Co. for \$17,627.67. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Mensing second by Craig Taylor to approve a resolution awarding the bid for township metal culverts to Energy Culver Co. for \$47,022.10. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Sullivan second by Pingsterhaus to approve a permit for the Village of Damiansville to bore under CH#8 (Albers Road). **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Village of Damiansville has submitted a resolution requesting storm sewers and curb and gutter on CH#8 (Damiansville Road).

The IL Department of Transportation opened bids on March 5 for resurfacing CH#8 from Albers to I-64 (Albers Road). The low bid of \$420,023.88 was submitted by Howell Paving & General Contractors of Centralia.

Engineer Mitchell reported he is working on plans for resurfacing CH#7 from Breese to Germantown (Germantown Road). The Wiedle Road project in on the April 23, 2004 letting in Springfield.

**FINANCE/HEALTH SERVICES** - Fred Becker of Glass & Shuffet presented the annual audit of Clinton County and the Circuit Clerk's office. He presented a Management Discussion and Analysis report as well as a Statement of Net Assets. **MOTION** by Holtgrave second by Guthrie to approve the annual audit reports. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Jack Taylor second by Robbins to approve payment of \$2,628.60 to Trenton Sun for assessment notices. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Mensing second by Craig Taylor to approve the monthly Budget and Financial Report of the Treasurer's Office. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Hitpas second by Murray to approve the annual Animal Control report. **MOTION CARRIED.** There were no claims this past year.

**MOTION** by Jack Taylor second by Guthrie to approve the Coroner's salary be set at 60% of the salary of the elected officials (County Clerk, Treasurer, etc.). The Coroner will also receive an annual increase equivalent to 60% of the increase the elected officials receive. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Craig Taylor second by Sullivan to approve requests from Western Clinton

County Senior Services (Trenton Center) and Clinton County Senior Services (Carlyle Center) for a donation of \$1500.00 each for this fiscal year. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**FACILITIES** - The Public Building Commission is getting an engineering firm to take care of the heating & cooling problems at the court house.

**MOTION** by Guthrie second by Sullivan to send a letter to our representatives asking them to oppose SB3954 which would remove snack & soda machines from schools. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Mensing second by Craig Taylor to approve payment of Accounts Payable Claims. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Sullivan gave a report on the meeting he attended regarding legislation pertaining to county government.

**MOTION** by Robbins second by Holtgrave to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Ray Kloeckner  
Board Chairman

---

Thomas LaCaze, County Clerk & Recorder